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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF DEFENSE MATERIEL
THE CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE CHAIRMAN, INTERAGENCY INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE

SUBJECT:

International Diplomatic Communications (Proposed
Legislation to Permit Reciprocal Radio Agreements)

The Acting Secretary of State, pursuant to the suggestion of the Bureau of the Budget, has referred to this office a proposal for amending the Communications Act of 1934 so as to permit the U. S. Government to negotiate reciprocal agreements, where appropriate, for the installation of radio transmitters in selected foreign diplomatic missions.

The departments and agencies concerned have expressed their views concerning the proposed legislative amendment. For your consideration these views, as well as other pertinent information relating to the subject, are summarized in the enclosure to this memorandum.

In keeping with the request of the Department of State that the subject be afforded expeditious consideration, I am seeking time on the President's calendar in order that the addressees of this memorandum may meet with the President to present their views on the subject. I shall advise you as to the time selected by the President for your discussion of the matter with him.

BENNET CUTLER
Special Assistant
to the President

cc: Director, Bureau of the Budget

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